

# State Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2019 at 9:00AM EDT

Indiana Government Center South, Conf. Room B

302 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Board Members Present:** Mr. BJ Watts (Chair), Mr. Gordon Hendry (Secretary), Ms. Katie Mote (Vice Chair), Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. Maryanne McMahan, Mr. Gregory Gastineau, Mr. Tony Walker, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Dr. David Freitas, and Mrs. Cari Whicker

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Steve Yager

## I. Call to Order

- a. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

## II. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Discussion item regarding the School Quality Review report was moved to the Action portion of the agenda; the Technical Advisory Committee update was delayed until the July 10 meeting; and Kindezi was added to the Turnaround Academy report. The agenda as amended was approved by a voice vote.

## III. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from April 10, 2019 and May 1, 2019 approved by a voice vote.

## IV. Statement from the Chair

- a. Mr. Watts recognized Board member Gordon Hendry on his final meeting, as he submitted his resignation.

## V. Board Members Comments and Reports

- a. Mr. Hendry thanked his fellow Board members and Board staff for their service and commitment.
- b. Dr. McMahan thanked Mr. Hendry for his service and shared her experience at the National Association of State Boards of Education early childhood workgroup.
- c. Dr. Ernest commended Mr. Hendry for his service and recognized the Board for the attention Indiana has received as a result of graduation pathways.

## VI. Public Comment

- a. No general public comments.

## VII. Consent Agenda –Consent agenda approved unanimously by voice vote with the recusal of Ms. Mote from item I.

- a. Assignment of School Numbers - Memo
- b. Resolution Regarding Staff Approval of School Numbers - Resolution
- c. Freeway Accreditation Extensions - Memo
- d. Freeway Accreditation
  - i. World Changers School of the Arts - Memo
  - ii. Bloomington Islamic School - Memo
- e. Israel School of Excellence Freeway Contract Amendment - Memo

- f. Approval of Education Dispute Resolution Working Group Membership - Resolution
- g. Special Education Child Count - Memo
- h. Proposed Rule: Alternate Diploma - Memo
- i. Update to DWD CTE Categorizations and Funding - Memo
- j. Latch Key Waiver - Memo
- k. Locally Created Pathway: MSD of Decatur Township - Memo

#### **VIII. New Business – Action**

- a. Robin LeClaire of IDOE presented the School Quality Review Reports.
  - i. Dr. Ernest asked questions to further clarify the figures from the parent survey.
  - ii. Dr. McCormick thanked Ms. LeClaire and her team for their work.
- b. A-F Appeal: Independence Academy
  - i. Public comments in support of Independence Academy’s appeal were made by:
    - 1. John Elcesser, executive director, Indiana Non-Public Education Association
    - 2. Marisa Gill, head administrator at Independence Academy
  - ii. A motion made by Dr. Ernest to assign Independence Academy a null grade failed by a vote of 3-7. Those voting against the motion include Mr. Gastineau, Mr. Hendry, Dr. McCormick, Dr. McMahan, Ms. Mote, Ms. Whicker, and Mr. Watts.
  - iii. The Board voted 7-2-1 to approve the staff recommendation to deny the appeal, with Dr. Ernest and Mr. Walker voting against the recommendation and Dr. Freitas abstaining.
- c. Grace College Teacher Preparation Program - Memo
  - i. The Board voted unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to approve the program.
- d. Freeway Accreditation: International Leadership School - Memo
  - i. The Board voted unanimously to approve the accreditation.
- e. Freeway Accreditation: Basic Prep Academy - Memo
  - i. The Board voted unanimously to support the staff recommendation that Basic Prep Academy not receive accreditation.
- f. Turnaround Academy Funds Distribution - Board Staff Memo; IDOE Materials
  - i. Public comment was heard from Chris Lagoni, Indiana Small and Rural schools and Dr. David Marcotte, Indiana Urban Schools Association (begins at [1:59](#))
  - ii. Nathan Williamson of IDOE shared IDOE’s opinions about the Board staff recommendation. Mr. Watts recused himself from the vote. The Board voted to approve the Board staff recommendation for Evansville’s funding level.
  - iii. Dr. Ernest recused himself from the vote on funding for CSUSA. The Board voted 8-1 to approve the Board staff recommendation for CSUSA’s funding level with Dr. McCormick in opposition.
  - iv. The Board staff’s recommendation for distribution of funds to remaining schools was approved by a vote of 9-1 with Dr. McCormick in opposition.

**IX. Discussion**

- a. Turnaround Academy Update
  - i. A presentation about the Evansville Transformation Zone was made by Kelsey Wright. Presentation
  - ii. An update from CSUSA about Emma Donnan Middle School, Howe High School, and Manual High School was received by the Board. Presentation
  - iii. Shanae Andrews and Nicollette Whittington presented an updated on Kindezi Academy. Presentation
- b. Governor's Workforce Cabinet Update: PJ McGrew reviewed the recent work of the Cabinet. Presentation
- c. Employability Skills Update: DOE staff members Andy Melin and Ben Carter stated they would soon provide a summary document to the field regarding employability skills and career awareness and development.
- d. Technical Advisory Committee Update (removed until a later time)

**X. Adjournment**